

Utahn's ancestor shows up in magazine about the Civil War

■ **Letters from the past:** Soldier served with Confederate regiment in N.C.

By Joseph Bauman
Deseret News staff writer



**THEN
AND NOW**

Woolly, determined and armed with a mean-looking knife, the ancestor of a South Salt Lake woman stares from the last page in the current issue of *Civil War Times Illustrated*, which is the country's premier magazine about the Civil War.

The Confederate soldier featured in the magazine's November-December issue is Pvt. William Day of

the 54th Regiment, North Carolina Troops. His great-great-granddaughter is DaLene Day Bryant, the wife of Deseret News photographer Garry Bryant, who submitted information and the photo to the magazine.

Day enlisted in the service of North Carolina in 1862 from Yadkin County, in a company originally called the Western Rangers and later renamed Co. H, 54th North Carolina Troops. He fought in the battles of Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg, Va., before he was hospitalized with typhoid fever on May 24, 1863. He died five days later.

In researching Day's last years, Bryant ran across a packet of letters and a poem that Day had sent his wife, Rebecca Kimball Day, who was also the soldier's second cousin.

"They're bug-eaten, well-read, well-loved, worn let-

ters. There's lines missing, holes eaten in the letters." They always began, "My near and dear companion."

Bryant discovered something unusual about them: "It was weird that he would misspell his own wife's name three different ways, gross misspellings," he said. Other words would be misspelled in different ways.

When he first tried to find Day's military records, Bryant did not know which unit he served with, and National Archives officials said there were too many men named William Day from North Carolina to narrow it down.

When he located the letters, he learned that the soldier was from the 54th North Carolina, and that was the information the National Archives needed to dig

Please see PICTURE on B2

ow 42
November 63/37
November 75
November -14

Inches Normal
175% .70 .40
991 15.92 13.12
121%
1990 2.80 1.54
t. 1 182%

PTHS

30
24
18
6
22

LOWS

enter: 539-1311
4,600 cfs
tah 2,850 cfs
uff 1,170 cfs

Spokane 43 38 r'n
Washington DC 43 41 .10 cdy
Yellowstone 40 12 clr

Hot spot: 88 Bullhead City, AZ
Cold spot: 12 Yellowstone, WY

INTERNATIONAL

City	Sky	Time	F	C
Amsterdam	cldy	1 pm	49	9
Auckland	clr	mdnt	55	13
Beijing	clr	8 pm	42	5
Berlin	rain	1 pm	41	5
Buenos aires	clr	9 am	51	11
Cairo	ptcl	2 pm	76	24
Calgary	ptcl	8 am	28	-2
Geneva	cldy	1 pm	49	9
Hong Kong	clr	8 pm	69	20
Jerusalem	clr	2 pm	64	18
London	cldy	1 pm	50	10
Moscow	rain	3 pm	38	3
Paris	rain	1 pm	46	8
Riyadh	clr	3 pm	91	33
Rome	clr	1 pm	60	15
Seoul	clr	9 pm	60	15
Tokyo	cldy	9 pm	56	13

ease. "Mike is one of the few documented cases where the disease is definitely the result of chewing tobacco," Lawrence said.

In fact, doctors often recommend that those who smoke and have Buerger's disease switch to chewing tobacco.

Because Fisk's case is so rare, doctors at the U. recently did a case report about him for a medical journal. The report urges doctors to start recognizing the association between Buerger's disease and the use of smokeless tobacco. The report says those diagnosed with Buerger's disease should not only stop smoking, but also stop using smokeless tobacco.

Fisk's battle against the disease

bilities that take more priority than my self pity."

Fisk spends much of his time doing anti-tobacco lobbying. He speaks at local schools and at anti-drug and alcohol seminars. He believes young people need to be better informed about all the dangers of tobacco use, not just the cancer risks that most people know about.

"If you think you can use this drug and not have a problem with it, you're wrong, because everybody who uses it has a problem with it. It just manifests itself differently for different people. Look at me, I was a big healthy athlete and nicotine destroyed my body. If it can destroy my body, it can destroy yours."

in commercial physical education. Dellastatious, a freshman, was majoring in political science.

People & Places

News you can use.
Family. Food.
Fashions. Advice
Science. Medical.
Every Sunday in *your*
DESERET NEWS.